Biomechanics – Term Paper Kin 699 Option

Student may elect to do a “solo” term paper instead of working as part of a 5 person group in Kin 485. The solo term paper option can only be taken if the student concurrently enrolls in the Kin 699 Independent Study course option and meets the following requirements.

In order to earn the 2 credit Kin 699 credit, the student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. In addition, the student must also complete the following requirements:

a) Of course, you must perform all of the work for the term paper by yourself.
b) The student proposal topic must be approved by the course professor.
c) The student must be able to meet with the course professor at least once per month during normally scheduled office hours. If you cannot make these hours contact the professor to determine if an alternate time is possible.
d) The student must create an abstract and a Powerpoint presentation for the project and publish this information in their SFSU student website (see the class reader chapter on FrontPage for details on creating and maintaining a student website).
e) As is required for all other projects during the Spring semester, the student must create a poster presentation for the KSA Movement Expo.

Otherwise, the requirements for the paper are the same for all projects, solo or group; see the term paper requirement document in the course reader for details.

Advantages of Kin 699 Enrollment

An advantage of earning a 2 credit in Kin 699 is that it can be applied to the 3 credit research graduation requirement. If you complete 1 additional credits in Kin 699 or Kin 620 you will be free to use them in place of the normally required Kin 697/698 course. Note: if you do not complete at least 3 credits in Kin 699 or Kin 620 you will still be required to take the Kin 697/698 course in order to graduate. Contact other kinesiology professors to arrange to take more credits in Kin 699 or Kin 620. Note: even if you do not take additional Kin 699 courses, your single credit of Kin 699 (with a good grade) will still look good on your transcript.

Grading in Kin 699

Your grade in the Kin 699 course will be the same as your term paper grade, as long as you meet the 5 requirements (a – e) listed above. Be aware that your term paper score must be in the top 30% of the class to earn a letter grade of A.

Your term paper grade will, of course, also be counted toward your Kin 485 grade.

If you elect to enroll in Kin 699 you must fill out a form and have it signed by the Kin 485 course instructor, your advisor and the associate chair. You must also get a sticker number for Kin 699 from the Kinesiology main office and formally register for the course before the late add deadline. See the Kin699FormInfo.doc file for details on filling out this form.